contrary, say he is recovering fast and will soon be well. The Duke of Northumberland is to have the ordnance.

Many caricatures are out. The Prince, as Prince Hal; John Falstaff, Sheridan; Bardolph, Jack Payne,* Pistol, &c*; the last scene in *Henry IV*.*

When Dr* Willis was examined, Sheridan, with a long string of questions, was ready to perplex him if possible. Willis said, "Pray, sir, before you begin, be so good as to snuff those candles that we may see clear, for I always like to see the face of the man I am speaking to."

Sheridan was so confounded at this speech of the basilisk doctor, that he could not get on in his examination, and for once in his life he was nonplussed.

April 8th. The rejoicings on the King's recovery have been universal, and at the Queen's first drawing-room the crowd was excessive. Her Majesty is very popular at this moment, which

no sooner saw than he put it on, mounted the balustrade of the stairs, and fancying himself galloping after the royal *cortège*, slid down the banisters *venire ti terre*. He had rather astonished the servants on the previous

day by asking for *sugar* and *cream* when they brought him his soup at dinner. They were not aware that he mistook it for green tea.